

Literature Spine

Core texts for depth study

The principles

Each cohort will have a suite of core texts that will form the depth study for the academic year. These texts represent a promise from the school to every pupil that it serves of the literature that it is committed to studying throughout a pupil's school journey. These texts have been mapped carefully to ensure a breadth of experiences, authors, texts and themes is addressed across the Primary years. In addition to these texts, there are core poems that each year group will study in depth. Other texts that will be studied in part will be outlined within the curriculum. This spine represents the core texts for depth study only.

Year 1

Autumn 1	Autumn 2	Spring 1	Spring 2	Summer 1	Summer 2
Beegu	The Storm Whale	The Tale of Peter Rabbit	Here We Are	There's a Rang-Tan in My Bedroom	The Lion Inside
Where the Wild Things Are	The Owl and the Pussycat Edward Lear	The Tale of Peter Rabbit	Here We Are	There's a Rang-Tan in My Bedroom	Aesop's Fables – The Hare and the Tortoise
Where the Wild Things Are	Aesop's Fables – The Boy who Cried Wolf	Look Up!	Chocolate Cake Michael Rosen	and tango makes three	The Proudest Blue

Year 2

Autumn 1	Autumn 2	Spring 1	Spring 2	Summer 1	Summer 2
The Street Beneath My Feet	Paddington	The Quangle Wangle's Hat Edward Lear	The Rhythm of the Rain	Fantastically Great Women Who Changed the World	Fantastic Mr Fox
Grandad's Island	Paddington	Coming to England	The Rhythm of the Rain	Fantastically Great Women Who Changed the World	Fantastic Mr Fox
Aesop's Fables – The Goose that Laid the Golden Eggs	The Christmas Pine Julia Donaldson	Mrs Noah's Pockets	Little People, Big Dreams David Attenborough	Aesop's Fables – The Sun and the Wind	Fantastic Mr Fox

Year 3

Autumn 1	Autumn 2	Spring 1	Spring 2	Summer 1	Summer 2
Greta and the Giants	Leon and the Place Between	Sam Wu is Not Afraid of the Dark	Operation Gadgetman	The Dancing Bear	The Magician's Nephew
The Pebble in My Pocket	Leon and the Place Between	Sam Wu is Not Afraid of the Dark	Operation Gadgetman	The Dancing Bear	The Magician's Nephew
The Pebble in My Pocket	'Twas the Night before Christmas Anon	Sam Wu is Not Afraid of the Dark & My Shadow Robert Louis Stephenson	Operation Gadgetman	The Dancing Bear	The Magician's Nephew

Year 4

Autumn 1	Autumn 2	Spring 1	Spring 2	Summer 1	Summer 2
The Queen's Nose	The Boy at the Back of the class	Young, Gifted and Black	The Wind in the Willows	Varjak Paw	The Girl Who Stole an Elephant
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The Boy at the Back of the class	The Raven Edgar Allen Poe	Young, Gifted and Black & Caged Bird Maya Angelou	The Wind in the Willows & The Walrus and the Carpenter Lewis Carroll	Varjak Paw	The Girl Who Stole an Elephant
Will be delivered as part of Writing Units					Jabberwocky Lewis Carroll

Year 5

Autumn 1	Autumn 2	Spring 1	Spring 2	Summer 1	Summer 2
Shackleton's Journey	Secrets of a Sun King	A Midsummer Night's Dream	Boy in the Tower	The Explorer	Five Children and IT
Shackleton's Journey	Secrets of a Sun King	I Am Not A Label	Boy in the Tower	The Explorer	Five Children and IT
Shackleton's Journey	Secrets of a Sun King & If Rudyard Kipling	I Am Not A Label	Boy in the Tower & Daffodils William Wordsworth	The Explorer	Five Children and IT

Year 6

Autumn 1	Autumn 2	Spring 1	Spring 2	Summer 1	Summer 2
All Aboard the Empire Windrush	Introduction to Dickens – Oliver Twist	Pig Heart Boy	Rooftoppers	Skellig	Dare to be You
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The Island	Introduction to Dickens – Oliver Twist	How to Live Forever	Rooftoppers & The Listeners Walter de la Mare	Skellig & A Carol From Flanders Frederick Niven	Dare to be You
Will be delivered as part of Writing Units	Shakespeare's Sonnets: Sonnet 18				Shakespeare's Sonnets: Sonnet 27

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